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Juan Sileoni, heading home APFA's winner against St. George-Budapest at Lambert Park last Sunday.

IMPORT IMPULSE OF CLUBS RECEIVES JOLT

Some Sydney clubs quietly negotiating with overseas players now suffer from the "Argentine disease".

The unimpressive debut of APFA's highly-rated Argentinian imports has caused panic in some committee rooms.

One leading club which was also keen to bring out two South American players has decided to adopt a "wait-and-see" attitude.

Over the next few weeks they will closely watch the form of APFA's Argentinians for a sign of major improvement.

Meanwhile, some Sydney First Division clubs were quick to take advantage of the recent decision to heavily

water down the controversial quota rule.

In their first match Polonia fielded only one "quota player" under the old rules (Calphy).

APFA's team included only one against Yugal (Taylor) and only two against St. George (Taylor and McKinnon).

Most other clubs have met the requirement of the now abolished rule.

The early shock of the season is that the two reputedly

"hottest" forward lines in Australia, those of APFA and St. George, have between them scored two goals after a total of four matches.

Sharpshooters and former "goal kings" such as John Giacometti and Les Schaudman have yet to open their account.

Two more players — Takac of Yugal and Hewlett of Melita — have been sent off in Sydney First Division, bringing the total to four after two rounds.

World Cup tourney next year in Japan?

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Despite all the brave words to the contrary, Australia appears almost certain to accept FIFA's recommendation that the Asian-Oceanic World Cup subgroups be staged as a round-robin qualifying tournament in Japan next year.

The secretary of the ASF, Ian McAndrew, could not be contacted to confirm or deny this news as he is on holidays.

So it is not known whether he discussed this possibility at all with Japanese officials on their recent visit.

ASF treasurer, Tom Grimson, however, was able to shed some light on the matter.

"I spoke to the Japanese team manager Fujita and coach Okano in Sydney, and they both favor the principle of a round-robin in Japan, or in any other country for that matter," Grimson said.

"I also know that New Zealand and Israel are agreeable to play a round-robin in Japan because of the travelling distances and expenses home-and-away matches

would involve in their sub-group.

"The Japanese informed me that the Asian Confederation was strongly in favor of a round-robin in Japan."

Grimson said the ASF would meet soon to discuss Australia's World Cup commitments.

"Speaking personally," he said, "I wouldn't be adverse to a round-robin in Japan in principle."

"Staged in the big Japanese cities, the round-robin could pay its way."

"The ASF wouldn't be concerned in making any money on the series, as long as we would break even," he added.

Grimson considers home-and-away matches might be a financial risk seeing that Japan didn't attract big crowds

in any of their recent Australian matches.

Though the majority of countries concerned, including Australia when the ASF eventually decides to tackle this pressing matter, are likely to agree to a qualifying round-robin in Japan, a major hitch may develop.

The Japanese Government does not recognize North Korea and will not accede to the Korean Government's demands that they be officially called "The Democratic Republic of Korea."

This political issue has resulted in North Korea's walk-out at all major international sporting events held in Japan in the past few years (1964 Olympic Games, 1966 women's volleyball world championships, 1966 world weightlifting championships

and last year's University Games).

The only exception was at the 1966 World Cup finals in England when the North Koreans apparently didn't object to be called "North Korea" on all official documents.

They weren't so tolerant at this year's Winter Olympics at Grenoble, France, and again withdrew.

Their intransigence leads me to believe they won't agree to play their World Cup qualifying matches in Japan.

Unless they are consulted before any decision is taken, the Asian-Oceanic subgroup could be thrown into utter confusion and we could easily witness a repetition of the shambles that marred the 1966 Afro-Asian qualifying group.

NSW overruled on Munich visit

All States, except NSW, have now officially agreed to Munchen 1860's tour of Australia in June-July.

NSW are still holding back, some First Division clubs being reluctant to give their blessing to what they consider is a hastily organised tour in the middle of the season.

Until all Sydney clubs agree, one way or the other, the NSW members of the Australian Federation executive cannot commit themselves.

Irrespective of NSW's decision, however, they will be over-ruled by the other States and will have to tag along or decline to have the West Germans play in Sydney.

An ASF executive from Sydney told SOCCER WORLD this week it was "London to a brick on" that Munchen 1860 would play in Sydney.

They will probably play their first Sydney match against NSW under floodlights on a Wednesday night, then play a second game either against the Australian national team, under a different name, or a Sydney XI on the weekend of July 6-7.

This is a "free" weekend, set aside earlier this year

when the Sydney competition draw was made, to accommodate what should have been Ferencvaros' major Sydney fixture.

GREEKS FOR '69

Australian Federation vice-president, Arthur George, will try to get the Greek national team for a tour of Australia in 1969 when he visits Athens on a business trip next month.

Once the preliminary negotiations are under way, and the Greek FA shows any interest in the offer, Victorian president, Theo Marmaras, will fly to Athens to finalise details and sign the contract.

Arthur George can only stay in Athens for a couple of days because of other pressing business commitments.

The ASF feels that a visit by the Greek national team would be a money-spinner and draw even better than AS Roma in 1966.

A leading Sydney-based ASF official said this week that in the future the Federation would only bring out leading English or Scottish clubs, or national teams from countries with a large migrant population in Australia.

"Without a successful money-making tour once a year, the ASF and the States would go broke," he said.

"Tour profits alone can finance Australia's international and World Cup commitments, and to achieve a healthy source of income we must only bring out teams assured of a big following."

"Only English, Scottish, Italian and Greek teams or a Real Madrid can do this, as past experience has proved."

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Hakoah	2	2	—	—	4	1	4								2	2	—	—	4	1	4	* HOME MATCH
P. Hellenic	2	2	—	—	5	2	4	2	2	—	—	5	2	4								
Prague	2	1	1	—	5	2	3	1	1	—	—	3	0	2	1	—	1	—	2	2	1	St. George
Polonia	2	1	1	—	5	3	3	1	—	1	—	2	2	1	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	P. Hellenic *
Sth. Coast. Utd.	2	1	—	1	7	3	2	1	1	—	—	7	2	2	1	—	—	1	0	1	0	Hakoah
St. George	2	1	—	1	1	1	2	1	1	—	—	1	0	2	1	—	—	1	0	1	0	Prague *
Yugal	2	1	—	1	3	3	2	1	1	—	—	3	0	2	1	—	—	1	0	3	0	Melita Eagles *
Melita Eagles	2	1	—	1	2	3	2	1	—	—	1	1	3	0	1	1	—	—	1	0	2	Yugal
APIA	2	1	—	1	1	3	2	1	1	—	—	1	0	2	1	—	—	1	0	3	0	Canterbury
Canterbury	2	—	—	2	3	9	0	1	—	—	1	1	2	0	1	—	—	1	2	7	0	APIA *
Croatia	2	—	—	2	1	4	0	1	—	—	1	0	2	0	1	—	—	1	1	2	0	Manly *
Manly	2	—	—	2	1	4	0	1	—	—	1	0	1	0	1	—	—	1	1	3	0	Croatia

Australia Cup

St. George tipped to beat Austral

Though skipper John Warren is still unfit to play, St. George-Budapest should beat Newcastle Austral at the Marks Field tonight, Wednesday, April 17.

Despite their unimpressive early championship form, St. George should be too strong all round for the Novocastrians whose condition may fade in the latter stages as the Northern NSW season only got under way recently.

St. George's defence, led by the tigerish Schaefer, now playing some of the best football of his career, shouldn't be unduly troubled by the robust, rather unimaginative Newcastle forwards.

If St. George are to win, and win well, their forwards will have to display improved form.

This they can achieve if Les Schauman at last gives play-maker Cliss better support than in recent local matches.

The Stegbauer-Cliss-Schauman trio, if in the mood could knock the stuffing out of the gallant, though less skilled, visitors, despite the presence of Australian international Ray Lloyd in the Austral halfback line.

Likely teams:

St. George: Hopkins; Wills, Hillary; Schaefer, Morgan, Zuckerman; Stegbauer, Rees, Mansfield, Cliss, Schauman.

Newcastle Austral: Lanzoni; W. Gallagher, Marshall; Doolan, Allen, Lloyd; H. Gallagher, Adamson, Twidle, Woods, Watkins.

Last Monday

SYD.-CROATIA'S NARROW WIN

South Sydney Croatia only scraped home 1-0, after extra-time, against Juventus in their Australia Cup preliminary match at Manuka Oval, Canberra, last Monday.

A crowd of 1,120 saw Bob Fraser score the only goal of a hard-fought match in the first period of extra-time.

Neither side played good football, but turned on typical, exciting cup tie soccer.

Both sets of defences were clearly on top and allowed the forwards little scope for shots at goal, though Croatia were almost always in possession.

The few shots were well saved by goalkeepers McMahon and Ron Corry.

McMahon, in particular, had a good game and was busier than his Sydney counter-part who was seldom in action.

Croatia will now meet Hakoah-Sydney in the next round of the national competition in May.

Details.

Croatia: Corry, Lincoln, Sloan, Curry, Shepherd, Page, Martin (Barboutsis),

Wright, Fraser, Giles, Longmuir.

Juventus: McMahon, Landh, Janssen, Andrews, Aitchison, D'Ambrosio, Pompor (Wilkinson), Arguero, Fusca, Balson, Zorzi.

Scorer: Fraser 99 min.

Referee: L. Straface (Vic.).

Crowd: 1,120.

Sydney Juniors

The Inter-District Metropolitan Junior Championships continued on Easter Saturday with good football the order of the day.

The U/16 Norths v. Sutherland match at Gore Hill proved most exciting with Norths scoring in the final minutes to win 1-0.

Sutherland and Granville lads in the U/15 grade showed talent far beyond their years with Sutherland running out the winners 2-0.

Results of games played last Saturday:

U/16: Wests 4 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Sth. Districts 4 d. Gladesville 0; Norths 1 d. Sutherland 0; Bankstown 5 d. St. George 1; Canterbury 8 d. Manly 0.

U/15: Wests 2 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Gladesville 2 d. Nepean 0; Sutherland 2 d. Granville 0; Bankstown 6 d. St. George 1; Manly 1 drew Easts 1.

U/14: Wests 1 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Gladesville 2 d. Nepean 0; Sutherland 5 d. Granville 0; Bankstown 6 d. St. George 0; Canterbury 3 d. Manly 2.

How they stand:

Under-16 Division

Bankstown	4
Sth. Districts	3
Norths	3
Gladesville	2
St. George	2
Canterbury	2
Wests	2
Sutherland	0
Ku-ring-gai	0
Manly	0

Under-15 Division

Bankstown	4
Wests	4
Gladesville	4
Sutherland	2
Granville	2
St. George	2
Manly	2
Easts	1
Nepean	0
Ku-ring-gai	0

Under-14 Division

Bankstown	4
Sutherland	4
Canterbury	2
Wests	2
Gladesville	2
Manly	2
Granville	2
Nepean	0
St. George	0
Ku-ring-gai	0

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Three leading Sydney First Division clubs will soon be applying for liquor licenses. Their names must remain a secret at this stage because of the dicy legal procedure involved in setting up a licensed clubhouse. All three, however, are very confident of the outcome, though one of the clubs was surprisingly knocked back 18 months ago.

St. George players last weekend praised the new, re-modelled dressing rooms at LAMBERT PARK. This is only part of the renovations APIA have in mind for their home ground. Additional seating accommodation will come later.

Auburn are likely to pay a transfer fee to Polonia for Z. NOWACKI, who so far has been their non-playing coach. Auburn are now keen to have the talented Polish defender also as a player.

KEN ADAMSON has returned to Polonia. Earlier this season he joined Manly on a free transfer.

WALLY BLAIR, one of Thistle's stalwarts, was married last Saturday week. The newly-weds are honeymooning on the North Coast.

APIA's under-16 team beat Juventus and Triestina 2-0 in Melbourne last weekend and the under-14s won both games 3-1 against the same opponents. APIA won the "Coppa Italia", donated by Melbourne's Italian consul.

Of APIA's new Argentinian colony, only DI LONARDO is fit; Santoro, Sileoni, Bregante and Tedesco are all injured already.

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The ADMISSION FEE at all First Division matches is now 50 cents. There was some confusion at Marks Field last Saturday when some patrons refused to pay the increased charge. The confusion arose from Yugal's mistake the previous weekend. Against APIA in the first round Yugal officials had forgotten about the increase and only charged 40 cents for admission.

Prague vice-president, RUDI HARTMAN, slipped on a fruit peel in the street last Tuesday. As a result his right arm is in a sling as he dislocated his shoulder.

Leading official WALTER STERNBERG, one of soccer's true gentlemen, has been in Sydney Hospital for the past four weeks under observation. Our best wishes for a prompt return home.

Eighty-two high schools will compete in the 1968 TASMAN CUP, 10 more than last year. The preliminary round is to be decided by May 3, and the first round proper by May 27. Moree and Inverell have entered for the first time. High schools on the North Coast are being attracted by the Cup, and Kendall High School, from north of Taree, will play.

Nowra and Port Kembla are in for the first time, together with Corrimal and Bulli, but strong soccer schools such as Dapto and Keira inexplicably are not represented. Gosford and Wyong will represent the Central Coast district. Nine Newcastle High Schools will add further lustre to the competition.

There is a rumor that APIA have asked ALBERT DE PAOLI to resign from Western Suburbs to take over as first team manager. De Paoli, a former Australian international, played for APIA in the late 1950's. De Paoli is the president of Wests' soccer section.

The THISTLE club took their senior and junior teams to Gunnedah over the Easter weekend for the annual Tom McKnight Trophy.

TONY WOODWARD and MIKE BELL have rejoined Polonia after a one-year absence. Bell spent the last eight months at Tamworth.

Diane Swansson, who won the "MISS SOCCER" title of the Sutherland Shire, recently won the "Miss Beach Girl of NSW" award. This entitled her to compete in the Commonwealth finals which have just been held in Perth where Diane was again successful, making her "Miss National Beach Girl" of 1968. The Sutherland Shire Licensed Club will sponsor Diane in this year's "Miss Australia" quest. Meanwhile, nominations are being received from all Junior and District clubs for the "Miss Soccer" quest of 1968. This year's competition will be the sixth in a row.

Leading Prague official, BILL BALL, left for a business trip to Japan and Southeast Asia this week. While overseas Ball will try to arrange an end-of-season tour for Prague, taking in Japan and Hong Kong.

MICHEL MUHLBAUER, the young French-born utility player, has transferred back to Balgownie after 12 months with Polonia-North Side.

Overheard on REX MOS-SOP's Friday sports program last week on Channel 7: "APIA plays St. George and Pan Hellenic meets Manly on Easter Monday."

No FOURTH DIVISION Inter-Suburban matches were played in Sydney last weekend.

TOMMY ANDERSON, the 29-year-old former South Melbourne-Hellas star, arrived in Sydney last Tuesday to join South Coast United from Edinburgh. Anderson was playing in Ireland since he left Melbourne 18 months ago.

Polonia have bought the talented young Croatia goalkeeper JIM FRASER, a former NSW under-16 representative.

North Sydney Inter's match against Bankstown to be played on Sunday has been transferred from Cammeray Park to JUBILEE OVAL, Glebe.

It is imperative the Management Committee instruct clubs playing at MARKS FIELD only to admit pass-bearers to the official enclosure around the glass house. Now just about everybody who cares to bluff his way in can gain admittance. This "open house" policy encourages incidents in the enclosure, such as the ones witnessed last Saturday when referee Faraone was heaped with obscene abuse and almost attacked at half-time. Some example for patrons in the outer sections!

The full name of the Inter-Suburban Third Division club Fairfield is FAIRFIELD-KIEV. The club is Ukrainian-sponsored and was promoted to Inter-Suburban ranks this year after winning the Southern Districts All-Age competition in 1966 and 1967. Their home ground is at Knight's Park, Fairfield.

ALICK JEFFREY, the former Sydney idol, is still having weight problems. Doncaster manager, George Raynor, has now told Jeffrey that before each match he must step on the scales — and if he is over 13 st. 8 lbs., he doesn't play. Which seems somewhat harsh as Jeffrey is again in top form.

ADRIAN SMIT, Western Suburbs' left-winger scored a hat-trick in the second round competition match against Hornsby. Due to a hurried report, we only credited him with one goal in our report. Smit scored another goal over the weekend against Lane Cove.

STOP PRESS

Canterbury's game against APIA has been switched from Sunday to Saturday at Arlington Oval.

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Clubs not getting fair return for big payments

— By PAUL DEAN —

We are not training enough; we are not training well enough; we are not paying the players the right money for the right performance.

I am convinced of all these facts. The results and the dismal standards of most matches bear me out.

And we have said these things many times over the years — Dettmar Cramer only added his considerable weight of prestige when he confirmed our views.

Can these things be changed? Is there any hope that we may be able to appreciably raise the standards and start getting the crowds back?

TONY MUST WAIT

Australia's undisputed "king of referees," Tony Boskovic, is not likely to referee any World Cup elimination matches.

FIFA has left it to the competing nations to determine who will be used as referees and linesmen for matches in the Asian groups.

Understandably, Boskovic cannot referee any of Australia's matches.

For Australia's home matches the ASF is likely to suggest New Zealand referees while for our matches in South Korea and Japan the local associations are almost certain to recommend Asian officials.

However, Boskovic still stands a good chance of gaining an even bigger plum: refereeing at the finals of the 1970 World Cup.

Late in 1969 or early in 1970, FIFA will ask the member associations to nominate a certain number of referees for the Mexico finals.

It's then up to the ASF to make history by strongly recommending that an Australian be invited to officiate there — for the first time in a World Cup finals series.

All this is entirely up to the clubs; neither the Federations nor any other official, collective body can do it for us.

What is the position today?

Take almost any of Sydney's five or six top clubs as an example.

They train two or three nights a week, after work, often under extremely poor conditions.

On Saturdays or Sundays, they play one match.

And that is the extent of their soccer activity.

For this players receive varying sums of money but it would not be an exaggeration to say that this reaches a weekly average of at least \$60 throughout the season — more in some cases.

Either by importing players from overseas or by transferring them from other clubs, a further large sum is spent.

Although the "average" here may be an elusive factor, perhaps \$5,000 per club per year in the case of our leading outfits is close to the mark.

Now, I am convinced that with better distribution of the money and reorganisation of the resources, our clubs could — and should — get much better results than they are getting today.

Take a squad of 15 players, add to it the coach and the masseur to make it 17 — and make sure they attend five training sessions a week: three in the evenings, two in the afternoons.

How to go about it?

First of all, decide that for this year you won't buy any new players at all but provide better training facilities for those already on your books.

This, anyway, makes more sense. We all know of players who come to Australia with glowing reputations, started off well — and then, under our pre-historic training conditions, lost all their sparkle and have blended into our dull, grey mediocrity.

We also know of numerous talented youngsters who

might have been hailed as great finds and even sensations at 17 or 18 — but failed to improve further and at 23 or even 25 are still vaguely referred to as "promising" though they promise nothing but headache and disappointment.

INDICTMENT

Many of our teams today include players who were as skilled at 18 as they are now — surely a terrible indictment of our methods.

Under a completely revised, modernised and planned training schedule, both these categories would come to life and deliver the goods we are expecting from them.

Five training sessions a week, two of them in the afternoon, cost money.

But clubs do have the money — they only spend it the wrong way.

By not signing or importing players for a year, a club could save up to \$5,000 — in some cases a lot more.

This can be spent on your squad of 17, providing your club with about \$300 per man or \$10 per man per week for a 30-week season.

This \$10 would, in fact, compensate the player for getting off work one afternoon in the week.

(Some would find it hard to do that, of course. But clubs should gradually strive towards the day when the majority of their players, if not all, can do it.

And if a "star" declares his unwillingness or inability to train in the afternoons, soon enough a youngster, well trained and tutored, may challenge him for his post.

This way you can create a healthy competitive spirit among players — and induce many vastly overpaid "stars" to either put more into the game or to get out.)

The other \$10 compensation for the second afternoon off work can also be found.

At present a surprising number of players receive contracts, signing-on fees or even re-signing-on fees.

Many of these are not only excessive but totally unrealistic and unwarranted.

These can be cut — or rather, the fee incorporated into this "afternoon compensation".

HAIR-RAISING

The third field where changes can be implemented is in the bonuses.

It's hair-raising to hear that a club pays a \$50 or \$60 win bonus — totalling some \$600 or \$700 a team — when their fortnightly home gate is only, say, 2000, bringing in a revenue of about \$1000 every two weeks — some \$500 a week.

No sane club management anywhere in the world pays its players all their gate revenue — but we even exceed it.

Manchester United's average home attendance is some 50,000, paying anything up to \$30,000 or more at the gates.

If they followed our crazy system, they would have to pay their players about \$40,000 every Saturday — or an average of some \$300 a player.

Even they don't do it; the average pay packet over there is some \$120 weekly and many other perks, including advertising, may bring this up to \$200 in some cases.

It surprises me no end that no Sydney club has yet introduced crowd bonuses; this is now fully accepted in many British and Continental clubs.

It's up to the players to put on a fine show; if they do, the crowds will come; if they do, the players will get more.

This is a simple incentive system whereby the players themselves have to generate their own incomes.

Some club officials will claim that my scheme is mad, cannot be done or has flaws.

Of course it may have flaws — but not nearly as many and as big as the present set-up's under which our crowds are getting smaller, our players are getting richer — and the standard of our games is, at best, stagnating.

I am not begrudging the players all their earnings; I am simply critical of the way they earn it.

This is not their fault but that of the clubs; as long as players can make \$1000 or \$2000 out of soccer the easy way, they will not volunteer to try it the hard way.

It's up to the clubs to do it. And it can be done, despite some obvious difficulties, especially in the beginning.

READERS' LETTERS

Jimmy Pearson a fine "ambassador"

As a great follower of soccer, I felt I had to write and tell you of an ex-Australian player.

It's Jim Pearson I refer to.

TOP CLASS

I watched him regularly in Sydney (I am an Australian) play as a winger, but I am afraid you wouldn't recognise him now, playing in what I gather is his position as inside-forward with Durban City.

He is worshipped by thousands of Indian supporters here, the average gate is 20,000, as City are a big drawcard.

He went over to play for Peterborough during the close season, but the transfer fee was handed back as he no longer fancied England.

He coaches for schools here.

I wish this would happen in Australia too.

What I like about the boy is that he made a statement that he now regards himself as an Australian, and will return shortly to put what knowledge he has back into the game.

Players of his class could really do a job for us.

South Africa's loss will be our gain.

By the way, I wouldn't give a hoot for our chances against South Africa.

A. G. ROSS,

Durban (South Africa).

Keep up the good work in "Soccer World" as yours is a top class publication, even by overseas standards.

Try and push the appointment of Dettmar Cramer as our national coach and administrator by the ASF as he is just the man we need in this country.

Also, could you publish Cramer's pendulum method which Keith Gilmour mentioned in your issue of the 29-3-68, and also some more of his training methods, which would be very interesting.

T. McCulloch, Cairns (Qld).

The "pendulum" has since been published; if we have more Cramer material, that will also be used. As for us "pushing" his appointment: we are all for it. But this is a matter for the ASF. Knowing the deep interest, foresight and unselfish attitude of our top administrators, no doubt the matter is being considered by them. — Editor.

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Meet the players

FORMER "WHIZ KID" IS NOW MATURE STAR

— By ALAN SPEERS —

"You're only as good as your last game," says an old sporting adage.

In which case Brian Smith has plenty of reasons to be satisfied with his hat-trick against Manly's tyros at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

Smithy, as he's better known, drained the last dregs of defiance from the seashiders, just when their persistence was starting to wear on the nerves of the Pan Hellenic players — not to mention their supporters. His display was one of the few bright spots in a carelessly inept showing by Hellenic.

But he shrugged it off in the dressing room, saying: "I know just where to position myself these days; there's no special skill required."

Precocious talent

Smith, whose blond hair makes him immediately identifiable on the field, is only 25, though he's been playing First Division soccer for the past eight years.

He was, of course, one of the Canterbury youngsters whose precocious talents made the term "kids" rather inapt in the Sydney Grand Final of 1960, beating Prague 5-2.

Lined up alongside Smith were players such as current Australian captain Johnny Warren, and John Watkiss among others.

The latter pair have been treated a little more kindly — in terms of winning representative honors — than has Smith, even though, at one stage, he was probably regarded as more promising.

Smith's decline, if it can be called that, can be traced to an ankle injury he suffered when touring Noumea with NSW in 1964.



BRIAN SMITH

He forced his way back into the NSW squad preparing to meet Tommy Docherty's Chelsea team in 1965, but pulled a leg muscle in the final training session and did not play.

On Sunday against Manly he showed a lot of his old forcefulness, taking on the rival defence almost single-handed.

"I've lost a yard or two in speed over the years, but you learn to overcome this with positioning," he says.

Smith has been with Pan Hellenic almost six years, no mean record in itself considering that the club seems constantly beset by internal strife of one type or another.

"Privileged"

Outwardly, at least, there are no signs that the players have been affected by the latest dissension among officials.

"We get on well together, and there's no reason why we shouldn't," Smith told me.

"With a little luck, we'll be well up when the serious work begins," he added.


To the casual observer, Smith seems to enjoy a somewhat "privileged" position with the volatile Pan Hellenic supporters.

These self-same supporters are never slow to criticise their own players if, in their opinion, they are not up to scratch.

But it's only rarely that they "roast" Smith.

Could be a moral there somewhere!

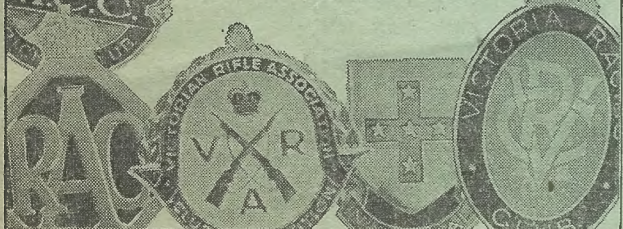
At any rate, "Smeethy" is No. 1 pin up boy after his hat-trick on Sunday. Until next time he misses a scoring opportunity, at least.



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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

COACHES COMMENT

Prague

3 (1)

Scheinflug 39 min., Armytage 84 min., G. Manuel 89 min.

Yugal

0 (0)

Melita E.

1 (0)

Azzopardi 46 min.

Polonia

3 (2)

Kulak 35 and 87 mins., Povey 44 min.

Sth. Coast

7 (5)

McGarry 5 and 79 mins., Alston 9, 17 and 74 mins., Paterson 28 min., Tolson 30 min.

Canterbury

2 (1)

Paxinos 29 min., Rinos 58 min. (penalty).

P. Hellenic

3 (1)

Smith 34, 76 and 84 mins.

Manly

1 (0)

Waller 89 min.

Croatia

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (1)

Keddies 40 min., Jones 63 min.

A.P.I.A.

1 (1)

Sileoni 4 min.

St. George

0 (0)

King 4; Harcombe 3, Blacker 3; Zeman 4, Rootsey 4, Blanco 3; Gauto 3, Manuel 3, Scheinflug 4, Molnar 3, Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Venglos

Ljubic 3; Nacinovic 4, Crnic 3; Clancy 3 (replaced Stosich in 24th min.), Banicevic 4, Rafanelli 4; J. Alagich 3, Takac (sent off 42nd min.), Halpin 2, Edwards 3, Volar 3.

TOTAL: 32

Coach: F. Dunaj

Eaton 3; Hunter 3, De Bruin 4; Cilia 4, Falzon 4, Duffy 2; Nemet 2, Goldie 4, Mullan 2, Azzopardi 3, Reid 2 (Hewlett, sent off).

TOTAL: 33

Coach: J. Vlasits

Drewniak 2; Filok 4, Skiba 3; Calphy 4, Dzialach 4, Komoder 5; Povey 4, Minol 3, Kulak 4, Krawiarz 3, Swoboda 3.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: G. Azzopardi

Ramage 2; Barnes 3, Cuthbert 4; Kelly 3, Carr 3, Davies 3, Beattie 3, Alston 5, Tolson 4, McGarry 5, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Kelly

Lindsay 3 (Farrar 2); Whitehead 2, Raeburn 2; Galbraith 4, Konstantakopoulos 3, Dougan 2; Rinos 4, Hewitt 3, Hood 2, Hardie 2, Paxinos 2.

TOTAL: 29

Coach: G. Polgar

Clarke 3; Johnston 4, Omeros 3; McCulloch 4, Cole 3, Westwater 3; Blitz 3, Karyannis 2, Smith 5, Laraman 2, Hignett 2 (Patrinos 3).

TOTAL: 34

Coach: W. Tamandl

Tuinman 3; McGrath 4, Brooks 3; Verrills 3, Campbell 4, Jagger 4; Hughes 2, Ridding 3, G. Jones 2, Harris 2, R. Jones 2 (Waller 4).

TOTAL: 32

Coach: D. Adrigan

Corry 4; Lincoln 3, Sloan 4; Curry 4, Shepherd 3, Woods 3; Wright 4, Martin 3, Fraser 3, Giles 3, F. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: A. Zanetic

Fuzes 3; Stewart 4, Hillsdon 3; Gardiner 4, Marnoch 4, Yaager 5; Edmunds 4, Keddies 4, Barnett 4, Baartz 4, Jones 3.

TOTAL: 42

Coach: D. Holden

Taylor 3; Nuttall 4, Ackerley 4; Van Blerk 4, Bottalico 4, Giacometti 2, Campana 3, Keddies 2, Sileoni 2, McKinnon 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: M. Mazzina

Haffey 3; Wills 3, Hillary 4, Schaefer 5, Morgan 4, Zuckerman 2, Burton 2 (Piggott 3), Rees 3, Cliss 4, Fernandez 2, Schauman 2.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: L. Hegyes

Match rating: * * *

The standard was mediocre throughout, and to make things worse the match was marred further by poor refereeing, rough, at times vicious fouls and ill-tempered outbursts by many players. Yugal started off as though they would run Prague off their feet with fast, penetrative trusts, but they faded after 25 minutes. Prague took the lead against the run of play before halftime and three minutes later Takac was sent off, somewhat harshly it appeared. One player short, Yugal were forced to defend for most of the second half when Prague were completely on top. Prague, however, had to wait until the 84th minute to convert their superiority. Prague played the better football and would probably still have won had Yugal fielded a full team.

Crowd: 2,385.

Referee: A. Faraone.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

Newly acquired wingers Povey and Swoboda paved the way for Polonia's convincing win. Revitalised and full of confidence, the Polonia attack was an effective combination which, with little more shooting accuracy, could have won by a much bigger margin. Only for the first 30 minutes did the Eagles offer any opposition, but once they tired, Polonia took complete command of midfield and systematically tore big gaps in the normally sound Melita defence. Some doubtful decisions by referee Neil Campbell nearly sparked another ugly incident but quick action by Melita officials restrained angry spectators from causing trouble. Right winger Povey was instrumental in all three goals.

Crowd: 2,150.

Referee: N. Campbell

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * *

Scoring five goals in the first 30 minutes, the provincials coasted to an easy win over a dispirited, lifeless Canterbury. Led by the clever McGarry, South Coast came to life with a vengeance with Alston scoring three good goals and getting excellent support from Tolson. United, however, went into its shell in the second half, allowing Canterbury to come more into the game, and with a little more accurate shooting the Berries may have netted more than the two goals presented to them by South Coast goalie Ramage. Lindsay, injured just before half-time, made some brilliant saves in the Canterbury goal and couldn't be blamed for any of the five goals he conceded.

Crowd: 2,265.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— LEN SIMMONS

Match rating: * * *

A hollow win by Pan Hellenic, hardly likely to send their supporters into raptures. In fact, had Smith not remembered where the goal was, the match might have finished goalless. The Pan Hellenic forwards and wing-halves seemed bent on missing the easiest of scoring opportunities. The latter pair had no opposition in midfield, but their glut of possession bore little fruit. Manly must now be realising that no defence, no matter how courageous, can be asked to withstand the type of pressure that comes from having negligible midfield and forward strength.

Crowd: 4,000.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— ALAN SPEERS

Match rating: * * *

Croatia were well in the event for 30 minutes. After that, Yaager, Barnett, Baartz and Gardiner gradually tightened Hakoah's grip on the game. Edmunds and the accomplished Stewart broke through at will after half-time, and Croatia's counter-raids lacked real sting. They had their share of the ball, but Hakoah's balance and precision left them without a chance to make up the two-goal lee-way.

Crowd: 2,400.

Referee: A.R. Brown.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * * *

A largely "de-argentinised" APIA started off in fine style, then, after 15 minutes or so, petered out and was mainly preoccupied with hanging on to their lead. This they managed with consummate ease despite the Saints having vast territorial advantage. The St. George forwards were patently impotent not only to score but also to create scoring chances. Zuckerman's missed penalty was also a costly blunder. The match was always close but, apart from APIA's great initial burst, when they staged some splendid fireworks, the standard was disappointing.

Crowd: 4,150.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— PAUL DEAN

Joe Venglos: "A pleasing victory. We had a healthy respect for Yugal after their win over APIA but our task was made easier in the second half when they were one man short. I liked the boys' intelligent display in the last 20 minutes."

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Ferdo Dunaj: "With eleven players we would have won. It was normal the players' condition should run out in the dying stages. It's tough to play one short for 50 minutes. Our youngsters never gave up and again gave an encouraging display."

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Joe Vlasits: "The refereeing was of the kindergarten standard. However, we lost the game through our forwards who kept the ball far too long, allowing the opposition plenty of time to recover."

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George Azzopardi: "Our solid defence handled anything the Melita forwards had to offer, and although we missed many scoring chances, the result was fair. The referee made many mistakes, but he's only human and we must abide by his decisions, right or wrong."

Jim Kelly: "The team played very well and some of the goals were out of this world. I'm very happy with the result, but still not completely satisfied. However, I repeat, South Coast are a definite semifinal prospect, irrespective of what some people may think."

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Cyula Polgar: "We were a beaten team before we took the field due to the loss of our keeper. On the day, however, South Coast were a better, fitter team, and fully deserved their win. I'm pleased with the way the boys fought back in the second half."

Walter Tamandl: "I was not too happy with our performance, but it's worth remembering that no team has yet managed to score a lot of goals against Manly, whose defence played very well again."

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Denes Adrigan: "We fell down again in midfield where Pan Hellenic were too strong and experienced. Our forwards did nothing. If they were as effective as our defence, we would have nothing to fear."

Ante Zanetic: "We could not match Hakoah's display on the day. At this stage we look like being handicapped until both the Cush brothers are fully fit."

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Doug Holden: "Our team showed progress. They are trying to play football as it should be played, making plenty of chances, and bringing more ideas into every match."

Mike Mazzina: "I know we didn't play well, but at least the old spirit came back. Some of our players are still shockingly unfit."

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Laurie Hegyes: "Our forwards were simply pathetic. Schauman should have won the match single-handed. Fernandez had his worst game. I was satisfied with the defence."

CAN POLONIA RETAIN UNBEATEN RECORD?

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The clash between the unbeaten Polonia-Northside and Pan Hellenic at North Sydney Oval on Sunday is the weekend's undoubted highlight.

At the foot of the ladder the only match between pointless teams will be at Lambert Park where Croatia and Manly meet on Saturday.

Hakoah, who play South Coast, notoriously ill at ease away from Woonona, may be the beneficiary of the round and could emerge as clear championship leaders.

Our previews for the weekend:

Yugal v. Melita Eagles

Both teams came down to earth last Saturday, and both had a player sent off in the process.

Yugal and Melita Eagles revealed big weaknesses in attack and shakiness in their usually reliable defences.

The match at Marks Field should be close, in doubt until the very end but Yugal may gain the upper hand because of their faster, more direct forwards.

The tall, rangy Halpin and speedsters Alagich and Edwards will again carry Yugal's scoring hopes.

Melita must grab the mid-field initiative from Yugal's "general" Rafanelli if they are to make a fight of it.

Yugal should win narrowly in a low-scoring match.

Croatia v. Manly

This is a vital match for two teams still chasing a victory in the championship.

A third consecutive loss, even at this early stage, could have painful consequences for both teams.

Despite their unimpressive form, we prefer Croatia's chances.

Their defence is more experienced and in Giles and Cush they have more effective forwards than the goal-shy Manly, whose main assets are still courage and determined defence.

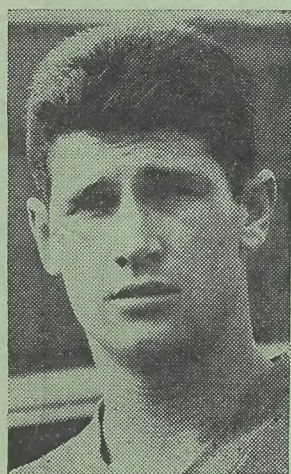
Manly cannot expect to break their run of outs until they bolster their forward-line.

Croatia's method should carry the day, but they shouldn't expect more than a couple of goals, and may even have to be content with a 1-0 victory.

Hakoah v. South Coast

You can't take too much notice of United's seven goals against the disorganised, demoralised Berries at Woonona last Sunday.

The provincials will be lucky if they can score one goal to Sydney's strongest, best balanced defence.



MAX TOLSON (SCU)

Despite South Coast's good Sydney competition record against Hakoah, it's difficult to see the visitors returning home with a point on Sunday.

Though Hakoah still have to strike top form, especially in attack, they have no glaring weaknesses.

South Coast will pin their hopes on their inside-trio of Alston, Tolson and McGarry which ran riot last week.

South Coast, however, will find that Hakoah's defence bears no resemblance to Canterbury's and that strong-arm tactics won't work.

Polonia v. Pan Hellenic

One of the biggest crowds for a soccer match at North Sydney Oval is expected to turn up for Sunday's game between these two unbeaten teams.

Polonia, off to their best First Division start ever, are bursting with confidence and won't hear of defeat.

There can be no doubt that the addition of Povey has transformed their slow-moving attack into a far more potent, mobile unit, capable of upsetting the sturdiest defences.

ROUND 4

It's their defence, however, which is likely to be put to the test this weekend as they come up against one of the competition's nippest forward lines.

As in all Pan Hellenic games, the first 25 minutes or so will be vital.

Should Pan Hellenic get on top, they could easily record a convincing win.

Our tip, however, is a narrow win for the visitors after a cliff-hanger of a match.

St. George v. Prague

St. George's fate may hinge on skipper John Warren's recovery.

Warren's absence has been sorely missed in a forward-line which has performed miserably in the last two matches.

If Warren is fit to play, his presence may lift the Saints' attack, which so far has been a one-man department with Cliss providing the only touch of class.

Prague, with a full complement, can look to the trip to Hurstville with a certain degree of confidence though their recent form hasn't been all that impressive.

Prague play to a set pattern which may eventually pay big dividends, but there is still an air of uncertainty in their attacking moves.

Against St. George they must play more direct, penetrating football.

If they dilly-dally they'll lose the midfield initiative to the indestructible Schaefer, now the heart and soul of his team.

Whether Warren plays or not, we have a hunch this game will end in a draw.

Canterbury v. APIA

APIA showed glimpses of their awesome, powerful former selves against St. George.

Even only a repetition of last weekend's form should enable APIA to score a comfortable win at Arlington Oval.

There is a new spirit in APIA. This was evident last Sunday when the team fought in its traditional spirit.



GERRY HOOD (Canterbury)

Canterbury, on the other hand, are plagued with all sorts of problems, none of which seem likely to be resolved by Saturday.

In these circumstances one can only tip APIA to continue their climb back to the top with a comfortable victory.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

STEWART (Hakoah)	ACKERLEY (APIA)
SCHAEFER (St. George)	KOMODER (Polonia)
ALSTON (SCU)	McGARRY (SCU)
POVEY (Polonia)	SMITH (Pan Hellenic)
ARMYTAGE (Prague)	
TUINMAN (Manly)	
ROOTSEY (Prague)	

RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	1-0											
St. George		1-0										
Croatia			0-2									
P. Hellenic			2-1	0-2								
Hakoah					1-2							
Canterbury						1-2						
Prague							2-2					
Polonia								3-0				
Yugal									1-3			
Melita Eagles										0-1		
S. Coast Utd.											7-2	
Manly												3-1

LEADING SCORERS

ALSTON (SCU) 3
KULAK (Polonia) 3
SMITH (Pan Hellenic) 3
HALPIN (Yugal) 2
D. KEDDIE (Hakoah) 2
LISSING (Prague) 2
McGARRY (SCU) 2

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Yugal v. Melita Eagles — H. Parsons; Croatia v. Manly — L. Rae; St. George v. Prague — K. Lockrey; Hakoah v. SCU — J. Henkelman; Canterbury v. APIA — N. Jones; Polonia v. Pan Hellenic — A. Boskovic.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS

YUGAL

LJUSIC
NACINOVIC
CRNICH
CLANCY
BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
TAKAC
HALPIN
EDWARDS
VOLAR

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
HUNTER
DE BRUIN
CILIA
FALZON
DUFFY
NEMET
GOLDIE
MULLAN
AZZOPARDI
KOVACS

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
SLOAN
CURRY
SHEPHERD
WOODS
WRIGHT
MARTIN
FRASER
GILES
F. CUSH

MANLY

TUINMAN
McGRATH
BROOKS
VERRILL
CAMPBELL
JAGGER
HUGHES
RIDDING
G. JONES
HARRIS
WALLER

ST. GEORGE

HAFEEY
STEGBAUER
HILLARY
SCHAEFER
MORGAN
ZUCKERMAN
GALAMBOS
CLISS
WARREN
FERNANDEZ
SCHAUMAN

PRAGUE

KING
HARCOMBE
BLACKER
ZEMAN
ROOTSEY
BLANCO
GAUTO
MANUEL
SCHEINFLUG
MOLNAR
ARMYTAGE

CANTERBURY

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WHITEHEAD
RAEBURN
GALBRAITH
KONSTANTAKOPOULOS
DOUGAN
RINOS
HEWITT
HOOD
HARDY
PAXINOS

APIA

TAYLOR
NUTTALL
ACKERLEY
HUGHES
VAN BLERK
BOTTALICO
GIACOMETTI
CAMPANA
KEDDIE
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RAMAGE
BARNES
CUTHBERT
KELLA
CARR
DAVIES
BEATTIE
ALSTON
TOLSON
McGARRY
PATERSON

POLONIA

DREWNIAK
FILOK
SKIBA
CALPHY
DZIALACH
KOMODER
POVEY
MINOL
KULAK
KRAWIARZ
SWOBODA

PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE
JOHNSTON
OMEROS
WESTWATER
COLE
HIGNETT
BLITZ
KARYANNIS
SMITH
LARAMAN
McCULLOCH

VITAL STATISTICS

Strangely enough, in all six encounters this weekend the visiting sides have the "historical advantage", enjoying better or no worse than equal records against their hosts.

Canterbury v. APIA: 5-4-9

Quite apart from Canterbury's numerous headaches, APIA can face this match with traditional optimism: the last time they lost to the Berries was in 1961 when they went down 3-0 at Arlington.

The last two years APIA had a very clear upper-hand, winning all four championship tussles, scoring 15 and conceding only two.

St. George v. Prague: 7-2-9

Prague's recent record against the Saints is abysmal: of their last six encounters they drew one and lost five and for a Prague win you have to go back to 1964.

In the last two years the Saints ran up some big scores in their victories: 8-0 and 6-2 in 1966 and 3-0 and 5-1 in 1967.

With considerable shift in relative strengths, this spell looks like ending now.

Yugal v. Melita: 1-0-1

There is not much guide in their past: last year Yugal scored a comfortable 4-1 home win.

Croatia v. Manly

The first time these two meet in an official match of any type, this year's Ampol Cup excepted.

Polonia-NS v. P. Hellenic: 2-2-4

Of late, Polonia had little success in these matches: in 1967 Pan Hellenic walloped them 7-1 and 6-0.

So far this season Pan Hellenic have played both their games at home, so it will be interesting to see the result of their first excursion.

Hakoah v. Sth. Coast: 4-4-5

Just in case the Hakoah fans feel the points are in the bag: the last time they beat South Coast in Sydney was way back in 1962!

In 1967 both their games ended in 1-1 draws; in fact, for the last three years running, South Coast always forced a 1-1 draw in Sydney.

CROWDS

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ROUND THE WORLD

Celtic in Second Division!

Celtic have applied to field a team in the Scottish Second Division next season — a move they can well afford, what with 42 professional players on their books. The Scottish FA is likely to agree because the Second Division only has 19 teams at the moment and Celtic's inclusion would do away with the weekly bye. The Scottish Second Division clubs favor the proposition. They hope that Celtic's tremendous support all over Scotland will activate the turnstiles whenever they play the club's Second Division side.

Three-week Hungarian break

The Hungarian Championship will go into recess this weekend for three weeks to enable the national team to prepare for the home-and away European Championship quarterfinal matches against Russia. These will be played in Budapest on May 4 and in Moscow on the 11th.

Argentinian star jailed

Argentinian international, Oscar Mass, was sentenced to 30 days in prison for assaulting two women spectators after a recent competition match in Buenos Aires. He broke one woman's nose and the other lost five teeth. Mass claimed he had been provoked by obscene abuse.

Swiss trio forgiven

Swiss internationals Eichmann, Kuhn and Leimbruber are out of the dog-house. The three stars were suspended from the national team and fined \$800 each during the 1966 World Cup for sneaking out of their hotel to spend the evening at a nightclub. The trio's suspension has now been lifted and they can again play for their country.

Big bonus for Cardiff

Cardiff City's players each received a \$250 bonus for their shock win over Torpedo Moscow in the quarterfinals of the European Cupwinners' Cup. Cardiff's triumph has been hailed as the greatest achievement in Welsh soccer history and the team members have been awarded the freedom of the city. Should Cardiff achieve the almost impossible by winning the Cup, each player will receive \$1,000.

Barcelona ace dies suddenly

Barcelona suffered a cruel blow when their best player, Uruguayan-born fullback Julio Benitez, collapsed at training and died within hours from a kidney ailment. Benitez had never suffered from the disease, yet the postmortem revealed that his kidneys were irreparably damaged. Benitez arrived in Spain in 1959. He was an Uruguayan international. He played for Valladolid and Zaragoza before transferring to Barcelona in 1961 for \$95,000.



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The draw for the semifinals of the Fair Cities' Cup is Ferencvaros (Hungary) v. Bologna (Italy) and Leeds United (England) v. FC Dundee (Scotland). Leeds and Ferencvaros are expected to fight out the final, which will be played on a home-and away basis early in June.

● Nineteen-year-old Branko Kubala has joined his famous father at Toronto. Laszlo Kubala coaches Toronto, which plays in the US National Professional League.

● In the quarterfinals of the South American Champions' Cup, Penarol (Uruguay) scored a 4-1 win over Deportivo Portugues of Venezuela.

● It's now official: the Mexican national team will take part in the 1969-70 First Division competition as a separate entity. Their results, however, won't influence the competition table as each of their opponents, win, draw or lose, will collect the two points with the score recorded as 0-0.

● Corinthians Sao Paulo will "lend" winger Garincha, still on their books though no longer even a reserve, to Nacional Montevideo until the end of the year. In exchange, the Uruguayans will dispatch winger Alvarez to the Brazilian club.

● Austria will play Rumania at Linz on May 1. This is the first time an international match is not played in Vienna. Linz was chosen because the Austrian FA feared that less than 10,000 spectators would have turned up at the Prater Stadium.

● Sfax, the railway club, has won the Tunisian First Division title. Sfax is coached by the French international, Delfour.

● Shamrock Rovers have qualified for the Eire Cup final for the 23rd time. They beat Dundalk 3-0 in the semis and will meet Waterford, 2-1 winners over Drumcondra, in the final at Dublin next weekend.

● In the semifinals of the Northern Irish Cup, the holders, Crusaders, were held to a 1-1 draw by Derry and Linfield defeated Ards 2-1.

● The results of Russia's national team in France a fortnight ago were: v. Rennes 3-0, v. Nancy (Second Division) 2-0, v. Reims (Second Division) 0-0, v. Marseille 1-0.

● Italy's top referee, Lo Bello, recently sent the president of Spal, Paolo Mazza, off from his coach's bench for provocative comments. The piquant of the incident is that Mazza is the Italian League's vice-president.

● The 1968 Rappan Cup will start on May 26. Twenty-four clubs will compete.

Famous goalie destitute, ailing

Rudi Hiden, the great Austrian-born goalkeeper who played 20 times for Austria between 1928 and 1933 before taking out French naturalization papers and playing for his adopted country, is gravely ill in the charity ward of a Vienna hospital. The 65-year-old Hiden is destitute, but his former club, WAC, have started a collection to move him to a private sanatorium. Austrian and French clubs hope to raise \$10,000.

● Rudolf Vytacil, Rapid Vienna's Czech coach is in hospital with a bladder ailment. Former players, Dienst and Zeman, the fabulous goalie of 15 years ago, are the acting coaches.

● SV Alsenborn, an obscure club from a small town with only 30,000 inhabitants, has won West Germany's South-West regional competition and will play in the Bundesliga next season if they finish first or second in the regional play-offs.

● Benfica want to buy Juventus' Swedish international forward, Roger Magnusson, who can only play for the Italian club in European Cup competitions because of Italy's foreign player quota ruling.

● Pele is unlikely to tour Europe with Brazil in July. Even for his club, Santos, his appearances are getting rare.

● Six-figure attendances still occur in Brazil; recently Flamengo of Rio attracted 101,000 to their home match at the Mario Filho stadium against Cruzeiro of Belo Horizonte.

● Tommy Docherty, now manager of Rotherham United, has turned down offers totalling almost \$400,000 for some of his young stars.

● Manchester United are heading towards a new British crowd record. So far their home average has been 57,442 against the previous best of 56,473, set up by Newcastle United in 1948.

● FC Nurnberg have fined their goalie Roland Wabre \$400 and halfback Karl-Heinz Ferschl \$100 for attending a recent training session in a drunken stupor.

● Omar Sivori, the Napoli star, will play for Huracan in his native Buenos Aires next season. The transfer fee will be \$135,000.

● Eddie Firmani, South Africa's best-ever soccer player, is spending a month in Italy with Helenio Herrera at Inter Milan. Firmani, who has played for Sampdoria and Inter Milan, rates Herrera as the most imaginative coach in the world.

● Wolfgang Gayer, Neunkirchen's leading goal-scorer, will rejoin his original Austrian club, Sportklub Vienna, next season.

● Three spectators suffered fatal coronaries at the recent South American Champions' Cup match between Penarol Montevideo and Deportivo Portugues of Venezuela.

● The smallest attendance since the start of the US National League was 379 spectators at the Dallas v. Detroit game at Dallas a fortnight ago.

● Nino Resegotti, one of the pioneers of Italy's soccer, has died at the age of 94. Resegotti was the first team manager of the Italian national team.

The Herreras won't move

The Italian FA has just passed a law whereby foreign coaches cannot change clubs locally. This means that the only two foreign coaches in First Division, Helenio Herrera of Inter Milan and his namesake, Heriberto Herrera, of Juventus can only move abroad if they want to leave their respective clubs. This, despite the many rumors, is most unlikely. Heriberto Herrera has already resigned with Juventus for next season and Helenio Herrera has indicated he wants to remain at Inter Milan until they regain the Italian championship.

Corsica lures New Caledonians

Three of the New Caledonians who visited Sydney with their national team in 1965 now play for France's leading amateur team, Gazelec Ajaccio. They are Charles, the inside-left, Koinredi, a midfielder player of 22, and Xanatre, the right full-back. All three played in the team which beat NSW 4-2 at Wentworth Park in October 1965. Gazelec have another two New Caledonians in their team: Kanyan and Moise. The former is an automatic selection in the French national amateur team since 1966.

Spain qualifies for Olympics

Spain qualified for the Olympic tournament in Mexico when they held Great Britain to a 0-0 draw at London's White City last week. The Spaniards had won the first "leg" 1-0 at home three weeks earlier. France and Austria meet early next month for another Olympic berth.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRIA: Sportklub v. Sturm Graz 1-0; GAK v. FK Austria 0-0; Admira v. Rapid 1-1; Eisenstadt v. Klagenfurt 2-0; Radentheim v. LASK 0-2; Bregenz v. Salzburg 1-4. **Table:** Rapid 33; FK Austria 32; Innsbruck 29; Sportklub 23; GAK 22; LASK 20.

BELGIUM (Cup): FC Bruges v. Anderlecht 1-0; Beringen v. FC Liege 2-2; Lierse v. St. Nicolas 4-2.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Slavia v. Inter Bratislava 1-0; Dukla v. Ostrava 2-0; Trencin v. Kosice 1-1; Slovan Bratislava v. Sparta Prague 2-0; Teplice v. Trnava 1-1; Plzen v. Zilina 2-0; Lokomotiva v. Bohemians 1-1. **Table:** Slovan 24; Trnava, Trencin 21; Inter Bratislava 20; Lokomotiva 18.

FRANCE: Lyon v. Nantes 0-3; Rennes v. St. Etienne 0-3; Sochaux v. Strasbourg 1-1; Rouen v. Nice 1-0; Sedan v. Marseille 1-1; Aix v. Red Star 0-0; Angers v. Lens 1-2; Lille v. Valenciennes 0-0; Metz v. Monaco 2-0; Ajaccio v. Bordeaux 3-0. **Table:** St. Etienne 42; Marseille 33; Sedan, Sochaux, Valenciennes, Nantes, Ajaccio 32.

HOLLAND: Feyenoord v. Volendam 4-1; DOS v. DWS 1-2; Telstar v. Sittardia 1-1; Go Ahead v. MVV 2-0; ADO v. Twente 2-2; Fortuna v. PSV 0-3; NAC v. Xerxes 4-2; Ajax v. Sparta 3-0; NEC v. GVAV 0-1.

GREECE: Ethnikos v. AEK 1-3; Olympiakos Volos v. Verria 1-0; Panserraikos v. Panelfinaikos 1-2; Prodeftiki v. Apollon 1-0; Panionios v. Olympiakos Nicosia (Cyprus) 1-0.

ITALY: Atalanta v. Fiorentina 0-3; Bologna v. Roma 1-0; Juventus v. Brescia 2-1; Vicenza v. Cagliari 3-1; Mantova v. Spal 0-1; Milan AC v. Torino 2-1; Napoli v. Varese 5-0; Sampdoria v. Inter Milan 2-2.

PORTUGAL: Benfica v. Sanjoanense 6-0; Guimaraes v. Sporting 1-0; Barreirense v. Academica 1-1; Setubal v. CUF 1-0; Varzim v. Porto 1-0; Belenenses v. Tirsense 0-1; Leixoes v. Braga 0-2. **Table:** Benfica, Sporting 35; Academica 30; Setubal, Porto 29.

SPAIN: Real Zaragoza v. Sabadell 7-0; Sevilla v. Elche 1-0; Real Madrid v. Pontevedra 1-0; Malaga v. Barcelona 1-1; Bilbao v. Valencia 1-0; Real Sociedad v. Cordoba 5-1. **Table:** Real Madrid 39; Barcelona 35; Las Palmas 34; Atletico Madrid, Valencia 32.

YUGOSLAVIA: Red Star v. Velez 4-0; Hajduk v. Zveznicar 1-0; Dinamo Zagreb v. Olimpija 4-1; Vojvodina v. Vardar 0-1; Rijeka v. Proleter 0-0; Sarajevo v. Partizan Belgrade 3-1; Maribor v. OFK Belgrade 2-1.

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BILLY COOK IS "QUIET MAN" OF VIC. SOCCER

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Few players of any of the current crop of State League players can claim to have given their clubs better service than Billy Cook, the 27-year-old centre-half of Port Melbourne-Slavia.

For five years now, since he arrived in Melbourne from Scotland, Billy has been a tower of strength for the Port Melbourne side, the Victorian State team which he has represented many times, and also for Australia, for whom he played on a number of occasions including the 1965 World Cup in Cambodia.

As a clubman, it's recognised widely in Victorian circles that he has given Slavia tremendous service at centre-half.

And in his five-year

spell with them, he has been a regular all through and only missed out on a handful of club games when he was called for service by Victoria or Australia.

He has helped Slavia to win every major honor, except the State League title which has so far eluded them.

Best in this respect was when Slavia finished runners-up to South Melbourne Hellas in 1966.

Cook was a member of the Slavia team which won the Australia Cup in 1963, and he has also seen his

club triumph in 1964, 1965 and 1967 in the Dockerty Cup.

The Ampol Cup win by Slavia in 1967 was yet another success story in which Cook played a prominent part.

In representative and international games Cook has played for Victoria and Australia against touring sides which include Preussen Munster, Everton, Torpedo and Chelsea.

And he was one of the few successes of the Australian team which played in the Far East tour of 1965.

Billy comes from Galston (Ayrshire), Scotland, and as a schoolboy played against England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

He started his professional career in 1957 when he was 17 and in 1961, two years before coming to Australia, he became a full-time player with the Scottish First Division side, Kilmarnock.

He came to Australia after playing a considerable number of first team games for Kilmarnock.

Since joining Slavia, Billy has never looked back.

As an electrician with the maintenance branch of the Melbourne University, and with a modern home in the outer suburb of Clayton, he is well and truly settled with his wife Anne, daughter June and son Billy.

Quiet and unassuming, both on and off the field, he is well respected by forwards of every club and also a firm favorite with the fans.

With a good few years still left in him for State League soccer, it's odds-on he will finish his playing days with his one and only Australian club, Slavia.

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Hellas 2 (Pyrgolios, Ackerley) v. Wilhelmina 1 (Atkins).
Melbourne-HSC 2 (Wallace, Abonyi) v. Lions 1 (Aldis).
Croatia 1 (Vojtek) v. Alexander 1 (Papaconstantinou).
Juventus 0 v. Polonia 0.
Hakoah 2 (Smith, Purdie) v. JUST 0.
Slavia 2 (Krause, McCurry) v. George Cross 2 (Hodgson, McCallum).

VIC. TABLE

Hakoah	2	—	7	1	4
George Cross	1	1	—	4	2
Melbourne	1	1	—	3	2
Slavia	1	1	—	3	2
Wilhelmina	1	—	1	7	3
Polonia	—	2	—	0	0
SM-Hellas	1	—	1	2	3
Croatia	—	1	1	1	2
Lions	—	1	1	1	2
JUST	—	1	1	1	3
Alexander	—	1	1	2	6
Juventus	—	1	1	1	6

SA LEAGUE KICKS OFF

Adelaide's 1968 league season kicks-off on Saturday with the following first round matches:

Croatia v. Juventus — Hanson Reserve. Referee: Mick O'Malley.

Enfield v. Austria — Blair Athol. Referee: Dennis Grant.

Polonia v. Elizabeth — Croydon Park. Referee: Bill Hosie.

WA Hellas v. Cumberland — Hindmarsh. Referee: Ken Candy.

Beograd v. USC Lion — Woodville West. Referee: John Spiers.

For Billy Cook is one of the few top players in Victorian soccer who never agitates for a transfer. His record of club loyalty is outstanding.

HELLAS v. JUVE THRILLER

The Juventus v. SM-Hellas clash is the highlight of the Victorian championship this weekend and the biggest crowd of the season may be in attendance.

George X v. Alexander

Taking a quick scan at the playing potential of both sides, most fans will assume this match is in the bag for George Cross.

But Alexander, despite their weaknesses and lack of class, will fight to the bitter end with such spirited enthusiasm and dash that it may not be as easy as it appears for the Cross, who should, however, win narrowly.

Hakoah v. Lions

Lions play it hard, but within the framework of the rules and laws, and as Hakoah are not a side who are frightened to mix it, the fans should see plenty of give and take.

It could be as tight as a drum at the finish. But with home advantage Hakoah should have the edge.

Wilhelmina v. Slavia

Wilhelmina will have their hands full battling it out with Slavia.

This will be an acid test for their free-scoring attack who will pit themselves against the best defence in the State League.

I'm not dismissing Wilhelmina lightly. No one can afford to. But Slavia are such seasoned and experienced campaigners that they must be favored.

Croatia v. JUST

Croatia, playing in top gear, have little to fear against any State League side.

But they can fall down as easy as a wink when they are frustrated by opposition who keep them at bay in the early periods of a game.

JUST are just the side to baffle them and at the finish both might be happy to call it quits.

Polonia v. Melbourne

Plenty of good soccer should be in evidence here.

Polonia play well up to their opponents' 18-yard line but once inside this area their tip-tapping forwards prefer to try and walk the ball home.

Melbourne in this respect are more potent. With fewer weaknesses and more potential in attack, the game should swing Melbourne's way before the finish.

Juventus v. S. M. Hellas

Given favorable weather this game should attract a big crowd.

With the pace likely to be set by Hellas, the Juventus chances will increase if they are able to snatch a quick goal or even keep the score level in the early stages of the game.

But I doubt if Juventus can succeed in doing just this and I must tip a Hellas victory.

— BOB LOW

ASF must be firm on Australia Cup

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

The ASF must make firm dates for the Australia Cup first round games.

This fact must be abundantly clear following the chaotic bumbling mess that the clubs have made of arrangements over the past week.

Azzurri (WA) who have to play WA Hellas in Adelaide declined a suggestion that the game should be played on Easter Monday.

Azzurri would prefer to play on April 22 with the winner playing SM Hellas in Melbourne on April 24.

Adelaide Hellas are not happy about this arrangement because it would mean that their State representatives would have to play five games in seven days.

Adelaide Juventus were equally unco-operative to Melbourne Croatia's proposal that their first round

game should be played in Melbourne last Wednesday night.

To add to the confusion Croatia originally agreed to play in Adelaide but later exercised their right to play at home.

Juventus claimed that notice was too short and that players would have difficulty getting time off from work a day after the end of the Easter holidays.

Juventus have countered with a proposal to play on May 1, either in Melbourne or Adelaide.

The bargaining and resultant indecision and uncertainty will continue with the grim prospect that neither tie will be completed before Christmas — unless the ASF takes a firm hand.

WITH THE AMATEURS

STUDENTS' EASTER WIN SURPRISES

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

University of NSW surprised even their best supporters by playing above themselves to record a 5-2 win over the capable Eastside MTK club at David Phillips Oval last Sunday.

Wales' win largely was the result of their midfield supremacy.

Four of their forwards picked up a goal each — Chantrill Szatmari, Tenny Ng, and Kozlina.

Ray Cheung netted the other from a penalty.

Wentworthville gained another clear win last week, this time at the expense of Lidcombe.

The score was 3-1, with the victors also missing a spotkick.

Scorers for Wenty were Blinkhurst, Young and Webb and for Lidcombe Richard Webb goalied direct from the corner.

Wentworthville's young defence were the key to their win.

Graham Williams, Terry Williams and Barry Curtis were most effective.

Lidcombe fielded ex-First Division forwards Terry and Ron Such, and hope they will soon settle down to play a key role.

In Division Two, at Cahill Park on Saturday, Arncliffe Scots were troubled by injuries in the second half, and allowed the slick Enmore side to get further on top.

The score went from 1-0 at half-time to 3-0 at full-time.

Arncliffe's midfield expert Lindsay Murphy suffered an ankle injury, and sat out the game on the wing.

Their captain-coach Kevin Butler was effective in defence.

George Kostakos added two more to his tally for Enmore.

The April 26 issue of SOCCER WORLD, hot off the presses, will be on sale at all First Division Grounds, except Woonona Oval, on Anzac Day when a full competition round will be played.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Lidcombe v. Wenty	1-3	4-0
Belmore v. St. Sydney	1-2	2-1
Ryde v. Blacktown	0-2	2-3
NSW Uni. v. E. Side-MTK	5-2	1-2
Concordia v. Artamon	1-3	3-4

SECOND DIVISION

Auburn v. Gymea	4-2	3-1
Arncliffe v. Enmore	0-3	0-0
Guildford v. Sydney Uni.	3-0	1-1
Kewpies v. Riverside	0-1	1-3
Warringah v. Penrith	6-1	
(Penrith forfeited second grade)		

THIRD DIVISION

G'ville-H'by v. Revesby	1-2	2-2
Smithfield v. Dee Why	1-3	2-5
All Stars v. Greenacre	2-3	1-5
Condell Pk. v. Fairfield	7-0	3-5

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

First Division: South Sydney v. Ryde — Booralee, NSW Uni. v. Artamon, D. Phillips Oval.

Second Division: Sydney Uni. v. Warringah — St. Paul's Oval.

Third Division: Revesby Workers v. Smithfield — Bankstown Oval.

Fourth Division: Chelsea v. Padstow Park — Moore Park, Prospect v. Ku-ring-gai — Jardine Park.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

First Division: Wenty v. Belmore — Jones Park, Blacktown v. Marrickville — Francis Park, Thistle v. Concordia — Bankstown Soccer Centre, East Side-MTK v. Lidcombe — Moore Park.

Second Division: Gymea v. St. Marys — Grays Point, Yagoona v. Kewpies — O'Neill Park, Riverside v. Guildford — Mahoney Park, Enmore v. Auburn Juniors — Mackey Park, Penrith v. Arncliffe Scots — Jamison Park.

Third Division: Greenacre v. Gladesville-Hornsby — Allum Park, Dee Why v. Condell Park — Dee Why Oval, West Ryde v. Rovers Juniors — Meadowbank No. 3.

Fourth Division: Beverly Hills v. Maroubra — Beverly Hills Oval, Campbelltown v. Central United — Campbelltown Showground, Newtown v. Liverpool Eagles — Outer Wentworth Park.

INTERSTATE SCORES

TASMANIA

Ampol Cup preliminary finals: Ulverstone v. Croatia 2-8, Launceston v. Olympia 0-4.

WA

Cottesloe v. Swan Valley 5-3, Swan Athletic v. Azzurri 1-8, Athena v. Tricolore 1-3, Olympic v. Windmills 1-2, Cracovia v. Kiev 2-2.

ADELAIDE CROWD NOT "HOSTILE"

— From ALLAN CRISP —

As the SA correspondent for Soccer World allow me to spring to the defence of the Adelaide soccer public.

Last week my editor, Paul Dean described the Norwood Oval crowd as "a mob who showed open hostility to the Australian national team in its match with Japan."

It's true that the crowd eventually favored Japan and that they booed Australia off the field.

According to Paul Dean the "painful Norwood incident" was motivated by the fact that SA had no local player in the Australian side.

Doubtless the Adelaide public would have liked at least one representative in the team but it is significant that the booing didn't start until Westwater flooded Kamamoto in an illegal tackle.

I venture to suggest that the Australian team were booed at half-time not because it didn't have an Adelaide player but because it failed to reproduce its much vaunted Asian form.

Granted Australia's defence in the first half was good but the crowd obviously were opposed to the questionable tackles employed on many occasions.

The Adelaide public can be as one-eyed as any in the world particularly where

their club sides or State team is involved but again it is significant that Kelly received sustained applause whenever he made a save.

And this despite the fact that the Queenslanders replaced SA goalkeeper Romanowicz in the national squad.

Paul Dean admitted last week that several of the Australian team were not fully fit.

Surely the public should not be expected to pay to watch unfit players.

Those suspect men should have been replaced by fit players from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Newcastle, Oodnadatta or even Adelaide.

Let's admit that those carrying injuries from the two previous games battled manfully but their lack of fitness failed Australia in the tell-tale final 15 minutes.

As for the use of Norwood Oval instead of the better equipped Hindmarsh I agree that "this surely cannot be pinned on the team, manager, coach or the wicked Sydney and Melbourne players."

The ASF is the culprit in this regard because the ruling body directed the SA Federation to play the game at Norwood.

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Competition Tables

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	2	—	—	5	1	4
Prague	2	—	—	10	2	4
Melita Eagles	2	—	—	7	3	4
Croatia	1	1	—	2	0	3
Hakoah	1	1	—	5	1	3
St. George	1	—	1	4	2	2
SCU	1	—	1	8	6	2
Manly	1	—	1	4	6	2
Polonia	—	—	2	4	10	—
Pan Hellenic	—	—	2	2	5	—
Canterbury	—	—	2	3	12	—
Yugal	—	—	2	1	8	—

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pan Hellenic	2	—	—	3	0	4
Prague	2	—	—	6	2	4
St. George	2	—	—	3	1	4
Canterbury	1	1	—	4	3	3
Melita Eagles	1	—	1	6	5	2
Manly	1	—	1	3	3	2
Croatia	1	—	1	2	2	2
Yugal	1	—	1	3	4	2
SCU	—	1	—	2	3	1
APIA	—	—	2	2	4	—
Hakoah	—	—	2	2	4	—
Polonia	—	—	2	3	8	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	2	—	—	7	4	4
Auburn	1	1	—	4	0	3
Marconi	1	1	—	3	0	3
Bankstown	1	1	—	4	2	3
NS-Inter	1	1	—	4	2	3
Sutherland	1	1	—	5	3	3
Granville	1	—	1	5	3	2
Corinthians	1	—	1	2	3	2
Balgownie	—	1	1	3	4	1
Hornsby-NE	—	—	2	4	7	—
Lane Cove	—	—	2	1	6	—
N. Bankstown	—	—	2	1	9	—

GRADE II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	2	—	—	9	0	4
Bankstown	2	—	—	15	2	4
Marconi	1	1	—	2	1	3
Auburn	1	1	—	3	2	3
Hornsby-NE	1	—	1	3	1	2
Sutherland	1	—	1	9	7	2
Balgownie	1	—	1	4	6	2
Granville	1	—	1	4	11	2
NS-Inter	—	1	1	5	10	1
Corinthians	—	—	1	1	3	1
N. Bankstown	—	—	2	3	6	—
Lane Cove	—	—	2	0	9	—

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	2	—	—	7	0	4
Bankstown	2	—	—	7	1	4
NS-Inter	1	1	—	11	4	3
Sutherland	1	1	—	7	4	3
N. Bankstown	1	1	—	4	3	3
Auburn	1	—	1	6	3	2
Balgownie	1	—	1	4	4	2
Lane Cove	1	—	1	3	6	2
Granville	—	1	1	2	4	1
Hornsby-NE	—	—	2	1	6	—
Marconi	—	—	2	1	7	—
Corinthians	—	—	2	1	12	—

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wenty	3	—	—	9	3	6
Sth. Sydney	2	1	—	3	1	5
Artarmon	2	1	—	7	4	5
Marrickville	1	1	—	4	2	3
Lidcombe	1	1	1	6	6	3
Belmore	1	1	1	2	4	3
Blacktown	1	—	2	6	7	2
Uni. NSW	—	1	2	6	7	1
Concordia	—	1	2	4	7	1
Eastside-MTK	—	1	1	4	7	1
Ryde	—	1	2	1	5	1
Thistle	—	—	1	1	2	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warringah	2	1	—	13	3	5
Kewpies	2	—	1	9	6	4
Riverside	2	—	1	9	5	4
Guildford	2	—	1	10	7	4
Enmore	1	1	—	5	2	3
Yagoona	1	—	2	1	2	2
St. Marys	1	—	1	8	8	2
Arncliffe	1	—	1	2	3	2
Auburn	1	—	2	5	8	2
Sydney Uni.	—	1	1	3	6	1
Penrith	—	1	2	6	14	1
Gymea	—	—	3	2	11	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Condell Park	2	1	—	14	6	5
Rovers	2	—	—	15	3	4
Revesby	2	—	1	8	8	4
Gladesville	1	1	1	6	5	3
Dee Why	1	1	1	6	5	3
All Stars	1	—	2	7	10	2
Greenacre	1	—	1	5	12	2
West Ryde	—	1	1	4	5	1
Smithfield	—	1	2	7	11	1
Fairfield	—	1	1	2	9	1

FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	1	—	—	5	0	2
Campbelltown	1	—	—	3	1	2
Beverly Hills	1	—	—	4	2	2
Ku-ring-gai	—	—	1	2	4	0
Padstow Park	—	—	1	1	3	0
Maroubra	—	—	1	0	5	0

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita Eagles v. Polonia	3-2	—	—	—	—	—
Prague v. Yugal	3-0	—	—	—	—	—
Pan Hellenic v. Manly	2-3	—	—	—	—	—
APIA v. St. George	1-0	—	—	—	—	—
SCU v. Canterbury	7-2	—	—	—	—	—
Croatia v. Hakoah	0-0	—	—	—	—	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinth. v. NS-Inter	0-2	—	—	1-1	—	—
B'town v. B'gownie	2-2	—	—	6-2	—	—
W. Subs. v. L. Cove	3-1	—	—	8-0	—	—
Marconi v. Auburn	0-0	—	—	1-1	—	—
G'nville v. N.B'town	5-1	—	—	4-2	—	—
S'land v. Hornsby	3-1	—	—	0-3	—	—

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

WESTS MAY LOSE PREMIERSHIP LEAD

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With two rounds of the competition completed only, clear leaders Western Suburbs have collected four points.

North Sydney-Inter, the "babes" of the competition caused the first upset of the season when they beat Corinthians at Jubilee Oval.

Other highlights last weekend included the close battle between Auburn and Marconi which ended in a scoreless draw.

Granville v.

Nth. Bankstown 5-1

Granville, persisting with several juniors, were on top all through the match.

By half-time Granville had built up a 3-0 lead and although they eased considerably, they still scored another two goals after the interval.

Adolf Tamandl led the forward-line effectively besides scoring two good goals himself.

Granville: Sparkes; Falzon, Pendleton; Dean, Staunton, Burtenshaw; Dupont (1), Baaks (1), J. Williams, Tamandl (2), H. Williams (1).

Bankstown v.

Balgownie 2-2

A grand performance by goalkeeper Bobby Jones nearly enabled Balgownie to snatch both points.

Bankstown were slow to settle down and Balgownie, playing good attacking football, led 1-0 at half-time.

Balgownie increased their lead soon after the interval but Bankstown reduced the leeway through a penalty.

Tansley crashed home the equaliser for United about 15 minutes from the end from a perfect cross by Clarke.

Bankstown's 'keeper Friedl also had a good game and saved a penalty.

Bankstown: Friedl; G. Jamieson (1 pen.), Fitzgerald; Turnbull, Hinksman, McDermott; Clarke, Tansley (1), Bamforth, Madden, J. Jamieson.

Marconi v.

Auburn 0-0

Auburn's attack bogged down in front of Marconi's goal after some very good lead-up work.

It was when close to the goal that their shooting went astray.

The Marconi defence played very well and Okorn and Milani were outstanding.

Auburn centre-half Clive Thompson was given his marching orders by the referee for alleged rough play seven minutes from the end.

Western Suburbs v.

Lane Cove 3-1

West had the better of this scrappy game but Lane

Cove battled bravely with goalkeeper Giannini in one of his best moods.

Pont gave Wests the lead, but soon after half-time Dyer scored an own goal to give Lane Cove the equaliser.

However, two quick goals by Smith and Randell sealed the result 15 minutes from the end.

Western Suburbs: Hourigan; Bastion, Apostilidis; Holmes, Bijkerk, Dyer; Randell (1), Bosklopper, Woods, Pont (1), Smit (1).

Lane Cove: Giannini; Carter, Gamble; Combe, Aird, Cooper; Cross, Nadj, Thomas, Coutts, Mitchell.

Sutherland v.

Hornsby 3-1

The locals quickly settled down and took control of midfield, and at half-time led 2-0 through goals by Cucitti and McIlveen.

Hornsby capitalised from a defensive error to score their only goal midway in the second half, but Turner sealed the result a few minutes from the end.

After receiving two cautions, Hornsby fullback Booth was sent off by the referee for alleged vicious tackling just before full-time.

Sutherland: Smith; Patterson, McAneny; Turner (1), O'Reilly, Griffiths; Bibbing, Roche, McIlveen (1), Davidson, Cucitti (1).

THIS WEEKEND

Mona Park is the venue for a first-class match when Auburn clash with Western Suburbs on Saturday.

Even at this early stage of the season, this tussle should give some indication of the strength of the Division's top teams as both Auburn and Wests are in the promotion race.

Auburn are well balanced, both in defence and in attack, and with home ground advantage should win.

In other matches, Granville may be hard pressed at Balgownie, but should win while Bankstown United will have another tough match against North Sydney-Inter.

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Yugal 0: Petrou, Grbavski, Josevski, Kresinger, Lang, Clancy, Vesich, M. Alagich, Tomic, Orsag, Perlich.

Referee: F. O'Connor.

Melita Eagles 3: Spiteri; Robinson, Watts; Edwards, A. Arrighi, Smith; Qested, Black, E. Arrighi (1), Price, Wolowoczykow (2).

Polonia 2: Rule; Fryar, Tomaszewski; Mellish, Reavley, Tarver; Woodward, Bell (1), Hanley (1), Bazak, Armstrong.

Referee: F. Johns.

South Coast 7: Nuell, Kerr, Ringland, Strachan (1), Grant (o.g.), Sutherland, Tolhurst (1), Freeme, Mulqueeney (5), Brownles, Beard.

Canterbury 2: Farrar, Katsanos, Champion, Eyre, Gordon, C. Katsanos, Harris, Como, Woods (1), Massie, Kydd.

Referee: P. Scott.

Pan Hellenic 2: Maglis, Walker (1), Henson, Demetriadis, Mallard, Petrou, Kakakios, Vrolyks (1), Bardetta, Byles, Howard.

Manly 3: Dart, Hobart, Langelaar, Speed, Hutchison, Andersson (2), Nutt, Dobbin, Parker, Gallacher, Reynolds (1).

Referee: W. Addie.

Croatia 0: Easter; Page, Williamson; B. Stuart, Clarke, J. Yaager; R. Stuart, Barboutis, Frakes, Longmuir, Brian.

Hakoah 0: Wilson; Edwards, Jeffrey; Reichard, Brown, Round; Lakmaker, Atoua, Harivel, Taylor, Holleman.

Referee: J. Reid.

APIA 1: McQuire, Callaghan, D. Parkin, Hughes, C. Parkin, Dilonardo, Pedulla, Gray, Dickinson (1), W. Burnett, A. Burnett.

St. George 0: Hopkins, Stegbauer, Taylor, Bushby, Cox, Bird, Galambos, McCue, Mansfield, Piggott (Adams), Telfer.

Referee: T. O'Reilly.

Prague 3: Bracklow, Greer, Zenari, Spinks, Flynn, Petty, Hromek, Perry (1), Steffle, Franklin (2), Anasis.

Yugal 1: Goufas; Harnden, Kelly, Abercrombie, O'Laughlin, Kipich, Apostolovski, J. Lissing, Willey (2), Nelson, Thompson.

Referee: N. Micos.

Melita Eagles 5: Haig (Gruchot); Williams, Mapledoran; Pondekos, Miranda, Pastor; Boyd, Wingfield, McDougall (1), Stafford (1), Brennan (3).

Polonia 2: Rosser; Wellings, Blasazak; Tansley, Henretty, McFadyen; Parkin, McAllister, Szulc (1), Aristoli, Chodkiewicz (1).

Referee: E. Cook.

South Coast 2: Radburn; Bott, Newson (o.g.), McCance, Whitefield, Carroll, Krampe (1), Jones, Tuckerman (1), McLeod, Conlin.

Canterbury 2: Pinnock, Eldridge, Carstairs, Lazaric, Domenici, Harris, Paul, Thompson (1), Hayes, Seymour, Salerno.

Referee: V. Masters.

Pan Hellenic 2: McClure, Langdon, Adams, Haggett, Sparsis, Campbell, Coelho (1), Papsalis, Sotos, Huntley (1), Werner.

Manly 0: Ryall, Doe, Bird, Jansma, Burns, Grant, Woods, Lewellyn, Slade, Heazlett, Murnane.

Referee: F. Denham.

Croatia 2: Mumford; Costello, Sanders; Low, Thomson, Carr; Dalforno, Ross, Slater (1), McInerney, Armytage (1).

Hakoah 1: Stern; Harrison, Reichard; Szegedi, McIlveen, Siddons; Berger, Hughes, Ams, Prokurat (1), Kovacic, Melrose.

Referee: C. H. King.